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Title: METHOD FOR IMMOBILISING MICROORGANISMS, RELATED MATERIAL, AND USE THEREOF

of which is described and claimed in:

() the attached specification, or

() the specification in application Serial No. _____, filed _____, and with amendments through _____, or

(X) the specification in International Application No. PCT/IB2003/001753, filed April 9, 2003, and as amended on (if applicable).

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